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SUBJECT: UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE

1. AN INFORMAL LUNCH 23 JUNE HOSTED BY AUSTRIAN DCM
ORTNER, AND ATTENDED BY BRAZIL, CANADA, INDIA, ITALY,
JAPAN, SWEDEN AND US PRODUCED GENERAL AGREEMENT
THAT PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS ON WHICH THE OUTER SPACE
COMMITTEE IS LIKELY TO CONCENTRATE DURING
26 JUNE - 7 JULY SESSION WILL BE PLANNING FOR THE
UN CONFERENCE ON PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF
SPACE TECHNOLOGY, NEGOTIATING TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR A COMPETENT TECHNICAL INTERNATIONAL ANALYSIS
OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE, AND
COMPLETING THE TEXT OF THE TREATY ON THE MOON.
BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANT CARLOS GARCIA, WHO IS SEEKING
THE OSC RAPPORTEURSHIP TRADITIONALLY ASSIGNED TO
BRAZIL, SUGGESTED THAT PARALLEL SSOD AND OSC
MEETINGS WOULD MAKE FINALIZATION OF THE MOON TREATY
DIFFICULT AND INDIA RAISED "A QUESTION", BUT
NEITHER DEMURRED WHEN CANADA, AUSTRIA AND
US STATED WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO COMPLETE THE
TREATY NOW IF OTHERS ARE PREPARED TO DO SO, RATHER
THAN POSTPONING IT UNTIL 1979 LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE
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SESSION. ORTNER SAID OSC CHAIRMAN JANKOWITSCH INTENDS
TO CONVENE A MOON TREATY WORKING GROUP ABOUT THE
SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION. HE OBSERVED THAT USSR
ADVISER MAIORSKI HAS CONTINUED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT
ASSERTED AMBIGUITIES OF COMMON HERITAGE CONCEPT
AS APPLIED TO LUNAR NATURAL RESOURCES BUT HAS
INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRIAN DESIRE TO ATTEMPT

FINALIZATION EFFORT AT CURRENT OSC SESSION.

2. CANADIAN AND SWEDISH PARTICIPANTS NOTED THEY DID NOT EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON DIRECT SATELLITE TELEVISION BROADCAST GUIDELINES AT THIS JUNCTURE.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, FRENCH ADVISER LEGOURRIEREC SAID FRANCE CANNOT AGREE TO SWEDISH IDEA OF A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE PENDING AN OSC STUDY. FRANCE, HE SAID, HAS IN MIND THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS IN SPACE (NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED). LEGOURRIEREC SAID FRENCH REMOTE SATELLITE SENSING SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN PLACE BY 1982. HE AND MISOFF AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF US-FRENCH HEAD-OF-DELEGATION DISCUSSION OF CONSENT ASPECT OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE QUESTION. HE ALSO SAID FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO TRY TO COMPLETE THE MOON TREATY AUSTRIAN DRAFT OF WHICH, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS UNDULY DETAILED, IS BASICALLY ACCEPTABLE TO FRANCE. LEONARD

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